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In re Application of  
Franklin ZhiGang Zhang  
Application No. 10/015,307  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 8, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed April 7, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on July 8, 2003.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Since the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2841 for further processing.

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